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ABSTRACT

This book is a comprehensive guide to the philosophy, organization, and management of a mentoring program for African American girls. It is based on a program sponsored by the Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church in Houston (Texas). This program matches between 25 and 50 young women with Christian women mentors. The program emphasizes Christian values, and adult mentors are drawn from the church membership, something that provides many advantages, including that of stability. Steps in organizing and conducting the mentoring program are outlined, and the uses of rituals, study, symbols, singing, writing, and storytelling are explained, with step-by-step curriculum guides for each monthly program. The following chapters are included: (1) "Spiritual, Psychological, and Global Perspectives"; (2) "The Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church Girls' Rites of Passage Program"; (3) "African American Women"; (4) "Program Management"; (5) "Graduation Requirements"; (6) "Rituals and Ceremonies"; and (7) "Orientations." (Contains 42 references.) (SLD)

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